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2. (a) Organisation

(a) The relocation of several PMIB Field Missions, in progress or planned, will give considerable increased coverage at no greater cost. The West Coast Mission should be in operation at the new location at Bremerton, California, about 1 October 1947. It is planned that the East Coast Mission at Silver Hill, Maryland, will be relocated somewhere near the Western shore of the Chesapeake Bay prior to 1 January 1948. Expect to move the station from Cairo to Cypress about 1 January 1948 after sending a survey team.

(b) A reciprocity arrangement has been agreed to in principle by the British Government which provides for complete interchange of foreign broadcast monitored material between the Monitoring Service and PMIB. This reciprocal arrangement is designed to obtain world-wide monitoring coverage by the two governments with a more or less equal sharing of the expenses involved. The British will assume responsibility for PMIB communications from Cypress (when our Cairo station moves there) to London. In return for this concession, as well as the continuation of the war-time arrangement whereby PMIB receives the entire European monitoring product of BBC, PMIB will transmit to London a selected file of its Far Eastern and Latin American monitoring product. Although due to lack of funds, British have agreed to PMIB editors in London, PMIB will do editing for British here, thus keeping the British out of CIG. It is expected to take several months to work out the details necessary to implement this new arrangement. The Signal Corps states that they can handle that amount of traffic.

(e) The organization of the Special Reports Division in March 1947 on an experimental basis is noteworthy. They now produce a weekly "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts", a monthly report on propaganda originating in Latin America which has as its end the engendering of anti-U.S. feeling, and other reports based on special requests from OCB. These reports are a factual (not interpretive) analysis based solely on radio broadcasts. The product of this division appears to be valuable and growing in popularity.

(2) Personnel. As a result of security checks, some employees have been dropped. Checks should be completed prior to 1 January 1948. Morale and efficiency appear remarkably high.

(3) Space and Facilities. Washington Center, Headquarters PBIB, is scheduled to move to Briggs Schoolhouse, 22nd & L Streets, N.W., in August. This will place them near OCB and other GIC offices. While it will give them no more room, it will provide for a more efficient arrangement.

(4) Operations.

(a) Through its technical, highly specialized, complex operation, the PBIB collects, selects, collates, summarizes and distributes a vast amount of up-to-the-minute intelligence information faster than is possible through any other medium and with remarkable efficiency.

(b) The continuation of the "A" and "X" Wire Services by PBIB has recently been under study, resulting in the discontinuance of the latter to all but OCB for which it operates one hour daily. The "A" Wire Service provides for the teletype dispatch by PBIB to all Government Intelligence Agencies of selected PBIB intercepts 7 hours daily. The "X" Wire Service provides for teletype

transmission of selected intercepts of American press dispatches to CIO only one hour daily. A termination of the "X" Service would give an additional hour daily for the operation of the "A" Service which serves all intelligence agencies. Furthermore, CIO gets all American Press dispatches by messenger daily. Accordingly, the discontinuance of the "X" Service is recommended in the interest of more extensive service to all agencies without sacrifice of substantial benefits to CIO.

(5) Relationship within and without CIO. Cordial, but jeopardized by lack of complete Security clearances, now in progress.